

COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-13 (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A nestable pallet comprising:

a deck member having an upper surface;

C | ~~and~~ a plurality of integrally formed peripheral foot portions extending downwardly ~~therefrom~~ from the deck member and disposed about the periphery of the deck member, wherein each of the peripheral foot portions has an outwardly directed recess extending to the upper surface of the deck member for receiving a corresponding foot portion of a like pallet disposed thereabove when in a nested orientation; and

a non-peripheral foot portion extending downwardly from the deck member.

15. (Original) The nestable pallet of claim 14, wherein the plurality of peripheral foot portions includes a side peripheral foot portion extending downwardly from a substantially centered position along a side edge of the deck member.

16. (Original) The nestable pallet of claim 14, wherein the plurality of peripheral foot portions includes a corner peripheral foot portion.

17. (Original) The nestable pallet of claim 14, wherein at least one of the outwardly directed recesses is vertically disposed along a corner of the pallet.

18. (Original) The nestable pallet of claim 14, wherein at least one of the outwardly directed recesses is vertically disposed along a side of the pallet.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The nestable pallet of claim ~~19-14~~, wherein the deck member has a non-peripheral opening corresponding to the non-peripheral foot portion.

21. (Currently Amended) The nestable pallet of claim ~~19~~14, wherein the non-peripheral foot portion has an inner surface and at least one upright member projecting upwardly therefrom.

22. (Currently Amended) The nestable pallet of claim 19 14, wherein the non-peripheral foot portion is centrally disposed along the deck member.

23. (Original) The nestable pallet of claim 14, wherein the peripheral foot portions include a bottom edge to assist in defining the outwardly directed recess.

24. (Currently Amended) A nestable pallet comprising:

a deck member having an upper surface and including a plurality of downwardly extending support members extending therefrom, the support members defining a U-shaped cross-section ~~taken along a plane parallel to the upper surface,~~ the support members further defining correspondingly shaped pockets for nestably receiving the support members of a similar pallet disposed thereabove, the plurality of support members including at least one corner support member extending downwardly from a corner of the deck member, at least one side peripheral support member extending downwardly from a substantially center position along a side edge of the deck member and at least one non-peripheral support member extending downwardly from a substantially centered position of the deck member, the top deck including a non-peripheral opening extending into the non-peripheral support member, the non-peripheral support member including at least one upright member projecting upwardly therefrom.

25. (Currently Amended) A nestable pallet comprising:

a top deck having an upper surface and a periphery having corners and side edges, and at least one foot member extending downwardly from a side edge from

the periphery of the top deck between an adjacent pair of corners, the at least one foot member having a cutout formed in its exterior surface extending to the upper surface of the top deck, wherein the cutout is arranged to receive a corresponding foot member of another pallet positioned thereabove in a nested orientation.

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28. (Original) The nestable pallet of claim 25, wherein the cutout is directed outwardly from the top deck.

29. (Original) The nestable pallet of claim 25, wherein the cutout is vertically disposed along a corner of the pallet.

30. (Original) The nestable pallet of claim 25, further comprising at least one non-peripheral foot member extending downwardly from the top deck.

31. (Original) The nestable pallet of claim 30, wherein the top deck has a non-peripheral opening extending into the non-peripheral foot member.

32. (Original) The nestable pallet of claim 30, wherein the non-peripheral foot member has at least one upright member projecting upwardly therefrom.

33. (Original) The nestable pallet of claim 30, wherein the non-peripheral foot member is centrally disposed along the top deck.

34. (Previously Presented) The nestable pallet of claim 14, wherein the outwardly directed recess of the foot portion defines a corresponding inwardly directed projection, the recess receiving a corresponding projection of the like pallet disposed thereabove when in the nested orientation.

35. (Previously Presented) The nestable pallet of claim 14, wherein the foot portions have a single-wall construction.

36. (Previously Presented) The nestable pallet of claim 25, wherein the cutout of the foot member defines a corresponding inwardly directed projection, the cutout receiving a corresponding projection of the another pallet positioned thereabove when in the nested orientation.

37. (Previously Presented) The nestable pallet of claim 25, wherein the foot member has a single-wall construction.

38. (Currently Amended) A nestable pallet comprising:

a top deck having an upper surface and a peripheral edge including side edges and corners, and at least one foot member extending downwardly from the peripheral edge one of the corners of the top deck, the at least one foot member having an exterior surface and an interior surface, the exterior surface having a cutout formed therein, the cutout extending vertically to the upper surface of the top deck and directed outwardly from the corner of the top deck such that the cutout is substantially symmetrical about a diagonal extending from a centerpoint of the top deck to the one corner of the top deck, the cutout defining a projection on the interior surface of the foot member, wherein the cutout is arranged to receive a corresponding projection of an other pallet positioned thereabove when in a nested orientation.

39. (Previously Presented) The nestable pallet of claim 38, wherein the foot member has a single-wall construction.

40. (New) The nestable pallet of claim 38 further including a plurality of the foot members, each positioned in one of the corners of the top deck and each having the cutout symmetrical about a diagonal extending from the centerpoint of the top deck to the respective corner.

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41. (New) The nestable pallet of claim 40 wherein the top deck and the plurality of foot members are all integrally-molded in a unitary construction.

42. (New) The nestable pallet of claim 14 wherein the deck member, the plurality of peripheral foot portions and the non-peripheral foot portion are all integrally-molded in a unitary construction.

43. (New) The nestable pallet of claim 24 wherein the deck member and the plurality of support members are all integrally-molded in a unitary construction.
